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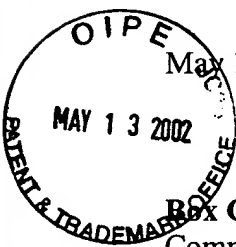
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Re: Attorney Docket No.: DERM1100-1

This paper is a request for a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of:

**Applicants** : **Lawrence A. Rheins and Vera B. Morhenn**  
**Title** : **METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (As Amended)**  
**Prior U.S. Application No.** : **09/375,609**  
**Filing Date** : **August 17, 1999**  
**Attorney Docket No.** : **DERM1100-1**

The prior application was complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b).

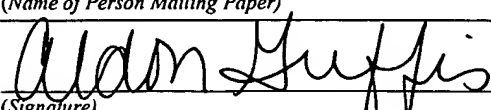
This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 U.S.C. § 120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein. The prior application is currently on Appeal. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith.

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This request includes Three (3) sheets, and the following:

- Preliminary Amendment – Including Exhibits A through I (70 pages);
- Petition for Four (4) Months Extension of Time (2 pages);
- Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 (5 pages);
- Check No. 508992 in the amount of \$1,090.00; and
- Return Receipt Postcard.

The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of accompanying application and is incorporated by reference.

This application is entitled to small entity status. Small entity status from a previous application is still proper. Fees are being paid herein at a small entity rate.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Enclosed is Check No. 508992 in the total amount of \$1,090.00; consisting of \$370.00 for the basic filing fee and \$720.00 for the Four (4) Months extension of time fee. Please apply any other required fees or any credits to Deposit Account No. 50-1355, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

If this application is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (858) 677-1456.

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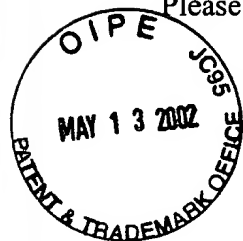
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